
Introduced by Senators Emmerson and Dutton

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 28—Relative to Department of Defense
directed budget cuts.

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SJR 28, as introduced, Emmerson. Department of Defense budget
cuts.

This measure would oppose the budget presented by the United States
Air Force to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Military Department of the State of California
2 and the California Air National Guard have learned that the United
3 States Air Force has submitted a budget to the Senate and House
4 of Representatives of the United States that would place
5 Department of Defense directed budget cuts disproportionately on
6 the back of the Air National Guard of the United States and the
7 California Air National Guard; and
8 WHEREAS, This proposed budget cut to the Air National Guard
9 Budget for the 2013–14 fiscal year would likely lead to the closure
10 of a number of Air National Guard units across the country, here
11 in California, and in the four United States Territories and cripple
12 the defense of the states, territories, and counties; and
13 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard is comprised
14 of 5,000 plus airmen, noncommissioned officers, and officers that

1 are highly skilled and trained in various military disciplines who
2 are readily available to execute state and federal missions on a
3 moment's notice by our Governor and our President in his role as
4 Commander in Chief of the Armed Services; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard has thrived in
6 the fast paced operational tempo of the past 11 years, and has
7 successfully completed war time and manmade or natural disaster
8 responses around the globe and across the state, and budget cuts
9 that unfairly and disproportionately impact the Air National Guard
10 as proposed by the United States Air Force leadership will impact
11 readiness; and

12 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard would likely
13 lose significant numbers of its highly trained personnel if the
14 2013–14 fiscal year budget presented to the Senate and House of
15 Representatives of the United States is approved as submitted;
16 now, therefore, be it further

17 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
18 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature joins the Riverside County
19 Board of Supervisors, the California National Guard Association,
20 and the National Guard Association of the United States in
21 opposition to the disproportional budget cuts as presented by the
22 United States Air Force as they adversely impact the California
23 Military Department and the Air National Guard and jeopardize
24 national security and homeland defense; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California
27 in the Congress of the United States and the author for appropriate
28 distribution.